REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	30 July 1998
Name of applicant/court:	Comptroller of Customs
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable
Title of Publication:	Handmade
Other Known Titles:	Not Stated
Director:	Not Applicable
Producer:	Not Applicable
Publisher:	Not Stated
Author:	Not Applicable
Format:	Video Slick
Country of Origin:	Germany
Language:	German, English

Components of film originally examined:

Feature:	Not Applicable	Running time:	
Trailers:		Running time:	
		Total Running time:	

Excision/Alteration: Not Applicable.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display Conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

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Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on Not Applicable

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The Classification Office classifies the video slick entitled *Handmade* as: Objectionable.

This decision is because the video slick promotes and supports the use of urine in association with degrading conduct and sexual conduct. The video slick contains two depictions of urination. The urination is presented within the context of explicit depictions of sexual activity, which are intended to encourage the reader to view the related video recording. One of the photographs which depicts urine pouring from a funnel over a woman's face also depicts degrading conduct. The inclusion of the photographs in a publication intended to advertise a sexually explicit video recording amounts to the publication promoting and supporting the use of urine in association with degrading conduct and sexual conduct.

In making this decision, the Classification Office has considered the right of freedom of expression enshrined in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, a publication that promotes and supports the use of urine in association with degrading conduct or sexual conduct is deemed objectionable, and this deeming provision overrides the right to freedom of expression.

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